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EMMY WINNER GEORGE DAUGHERTY RECEIVES SAGAMORE FROM RESKE, KERNAN

INDIANAPOLIS – Emmy Award winner George Daugherty, a native of Pendleton, recently received the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award as an individual who has greatly contributed to Indiana heritage. The presentation was made by State Rep. Scott Reske (D-Pendleton) on behalf of Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan.

"George Daugherty is one of the classical music world's most respected and diverse artists," Reske said. "Through many of his works, he has brought joy to untold numbers of children throughout the world. He is truly worthy of recognition as one of our state's most noteworthy citizens, and I am pleased to have a part in honoring his achievements."

Daugherty has been a conductor of orchestras, ballet companies, and opera houses around the world for 25 years. The Indianapolis Symphony is among the many orchestras he has led as a guest conductor.

Besides his career as a conductor, Daugherty has co-produced animated movies for children. His movie *Peter and the Wolf*, an animated and live-action production of Prokofiev's famous symphonic work, won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Primetime Children's Television Program. He has also been nominated five other times for an Emmy Award.

Daugherty has authored and co-authored a number of children's books as well. He has previously co-authored with writers like Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*. In 1990, he created the musical *Bugs Bunny on Broadway*, which has sold out both nationally and internationally.

George Daugherty's mother, Charlene Daugherty, was also a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash from Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

The Sagamore of the Wabash Award is the highest honor the Indiana Governor can bestow on an individual. It was created by Gov. Ralph Gates in the late 1940s and has been given to astronauts, Presidents, ambassadors, artists, musicians, and politicians.

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